Application of Consumer Protection Act

3818. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take away the "Medical Profession" from the purview of Consumer Protection Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Consumer Protection Act applies to all services which are hired for consideration. As such, services provided by Medical Profession for a consideration are covered under the Act. At present there is no proposal to take away such services from the purview of the Act.

Special recruitment drive

3819. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR:
SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special Recruitment drive initiated under order No. 36012/6/88 Estt/SCT/SRD II dated 5-6-1989 for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe in Direct Recruitment and promotion is complete;

(b) what is the assessed number of back-log in different zone, category-wise, after the issue of the above mentioned order; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fulfil the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar issuing Wrong Receipts

3820. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the branches of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are issuing cash memos/Receipts to the consumers without mentioning the names, quantity and weights of the items sold ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Electro Mechanical Cash Registrex machines introduced in Super Bazar in 1968 in the grocery and toilet divisions had no facility of showing details of the items sold. Cash memos for sale of other than grocery and toilet goods are prepared manually giving all details. In the Kendriya Bhandar, the receipts are issued by using the Electronic Cash Registrex machines which show the quantity, unit price, the total, receipt number and date, but they do not show the names of the items sold.

(b) Super Bazar has started issuing cash memo, containing full description of the goods sold i.e. name of item, weight/quantity and amount since June, 1990 by installing Bradma Cash Trac Registrex Machines with electronic chipmemory. Such machines have so far been installed in the Self Service Area of Connaught Circus branch of Super Bazar and few other branches at Ashok Vihar, Timarpur, Parliament House Annexe and Noida. Super Bazar has stated that each machine costs presently about Rs. 55,000/- and it is making efforts to install such machines of the remaining selling outlets in a phased manner subject to availability of funds. However, Kendriya Bhandar has stated that the introduction of these machines in all its branches in Delhi will depend upon the availability of resources and in its existing financial position it would be difficult to procure these machines.

Payment of royalty to State Governments

3821. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of payment made to the State Governmeets on account of royalty on Coal during 1990-91 and upto the 31st January, 1992 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have any obligation, to correspond their earning from 'cess' with earning from 'royalty' ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Talbe of the House.